

# Classifying Sentences by Purpose

- 21.** A sentence may be classified, depending on its purpose, as **declarative**, **imperative**, **interrogative**, or **exclamatory**.

**DECLARATIVE** Keiko is painting a watercolor in the style of the Japanese masters.

**IMPERATIVE** Be sure to recycle those boxes.

**INTERROGATIVE** At what time does the concert begin?

**EXCLAMATORY** What a spectacular game that was!

**EXERCISE** Classify each of the following sentences by purpose. On the line provided, write *DEC* if the sentence is *declarative*, *IMP* if it is *imperative*, *INT* if it is *interrogative*, or *EXC* if it is *exclamatory*.

**Example** IMP 1. Please step onto the stage.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Shana's dream has come true, for all summer long Shana will be the magician's assistant at Worlds of Entertainment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Imagine spending your summer being sawed in half and pulling rabbits out of a hat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. What fun that would be!
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Have you heard the best part of all?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. At one point during the show, the magician makes Shana seem to float in the air.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. How does the magician make Shana float?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Somehow, the curtain must cover the table on which Shana rests.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. What a fantastic trick that is!
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. After the show, ask the magician and Shana for their autographs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Would you like to work with a magician?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. I am interested in the history of magic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Anthropologists think ancient civilizations believed in magic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Didn't the ancient Egyptians create amulets for magical purposes?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Pass me that book about alchemists in the Middle Ages.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. In other times, thousands of people were accused of being witches and executed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. What strange times those must have been!
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Have advances in science weakened belief in magic?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Do superstitions indicate a belief in magic?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Please tell me what you think.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. How puzzling some superstitions are!